

Chapter 12
Public Nuisances

12.05 Public Nuisances Affecting Peace and Safety Defined

The following acts, omissions, places, conditions and things are declared to be public nuisances affecting peace and safety, but such enumeration shall not be construed to exclude other nuisances affecting public peace or safety coming within the provisions of §12.02 of this chapter:

- (1) All ice and snow not removed from public sidewalks within 12 hours after it has ceased to fall thereon.
- (2) All signs and billboards, awnings and other similar structures over or near streets, sidewalks, public grounds or places frequented by the public, so situated or constructed as to endanger the public safety.
- (3) All buildings erected, repaired or altered within the fire limits of the City in violation of the provisions of this Municipal Code, relating to materials and manner of construction of buildings and structures within such district.
- (4) All unauthorized signs, signals, markings or devices which purport to be or may be mistaken as official traffic control devices placed or maintained upon or in view of any public highway or railroad crossing.
- (5) All trees, hedges, billboards or other obstructions which prevent persons driving vehicles on public streets, alleys or highways from obtaining a clear view of traffic when approaching an intersection or pedestrian crosswalk.
- (6) All limbs of trees which project over a public sidewalk, less than 8 feet above the surface thereof or less than 10 feet above the surface of a public street.
- (7) All use or display of fireworks except as provided by the laws of the State and ordinances of the City.
- (8) All buildings or structures so old, dilapidated or out of repair as to be dangerous, unsafe, unsanitary or otherwise unfit for human use.
- (9) All wires over streets, alleys or public grounds which are strung less than 15 feet above the surface of the street or ground.
- (10) (Am. #37-91) Noise of any kind tending to unreasonably disturb the peace and quiet of persons in the vicinity thereof.

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(11) The keeping or harboring of any animal or fowl which by frequent or habitual howling, yelping, barking, crowing or making of other noises shall greatly annoy or disturb a neighborhood or any considerable number of persons within the City.

(12) All obstructions of streets, alleys, sidewalks or crosswalks and all excavations in or under the same, except as permitted by the ordinances of the City or which, although made in accordance with such ordinances, are kept or maintained for an unreasonable length of time after the purpose thereof has been accomplished.

(13) All open and unguarded pits, wells, excavations or unused basements freely accessible from any public street, alley or sidewalk.

(14) All abandoned refrigerators or iceboxes from which the doors and other covers have not been removed or which are not equipped with a device for opening from the inside.

(15) Any unauthorized or unlawful use of property abutting on a public street, alley or sidewalk or of a public street, alley or sidewalk which causes large crowds of people to gather, obstructing traffic and free use of the streets or sidewalks.

(16) Repeated or continuous violations of the ordinances of the City or laws of the State of Wisconsin relating to the storage of flammable liquids.

(17) Any fence erected or maintained in the City equipped with or having barbed wire spikes or any similar device within 5 feet of the ground level. Any fence so equipped shall have such barbed wire or other device mounted on supports solidly attached or bolted to the fence posts or standards and slanted toward the property enclosed or protected by said fence.

(18) (Cr. #22-01) (Am. #56-03) (Am. #2020-17) Keeping, maintaining, or having in a person's possession or under such person's control within the City any wild or exotic animals in violation of sec. 33.01(7) of this Municipal Code.